



Greenwood Forest
Baptist Church





GREENWOOD FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost | Livestreamed Service

November 8, 2020

Welcome to Greenwood Forest!

We are so glad you've chosen to join us this week. Greenwood Forest is an inclusive community of faith, which means we welcome, affirm, and include all God's people in their diversity of genders, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We are each beloved by God and we are happy to welcome you to our church this morning exactly as you are.

We would love to get to know you and for you to get to know us better. Follow us on social media or visit gfbccary.org to learn more.

Welcome to worship!

**an inclusive
community
of faith**

Chiming of the Hour

◆ Gathering Hymn

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

1. Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter pure,
 2. Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3. So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Lauren Efird

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

◆ Passing of the Peace



Call to Worship (Psalm 70)

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

Leader: Be pleased, O God, to deliver us.

People: O LORD, make haste to help us!

Leader: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek our life.

People: Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt us.

Leader: Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"

People: Turn back because of their shame.

Leader: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

People: Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Leader: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

People: You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Invocation

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome

◆ Hymn

Heaven Shall Not Wait

Capo 1: (D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa - tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for - tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Eb Ab Bb Bb7 Eb Ab Bbsus Bb

the scorned to smile, the de - spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)
 Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 E♭ Fm7 B♭

Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
 Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)
 E♭ A♭ B♭ B♭7 E♭ Cm Fm

in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose
 his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 4
 (Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)
 B♭sus B♭ B♭sus B♭ E♭

end. ev - er - more.
 feast.
 plain.

Offertory Prayer

Leta Huntsinger

◆ Presentation of the Offering

OLD 100TH

As our offering is presented back to God, we will sing the following doxology:

Transcendent God, we bless your name,
 Incarnate Christ, the risen one,
 The Spirit with us, Immanent,
 The Source, the Word, the Breath of Life! Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks

We affirm each prayer with the following response:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

We conclude the Prayers of the People with the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:18-24

Luke Perrin

We affirm the reading of Scripture with the following response:

Reader: The word of God for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Justicia

Porter's Gate

We sing for our brothers, we sing for our sons.
We sing for their freedom.
We sing for the change we believe is gonna come.
We sing for their freedom.
We sing 'cause things are not the way they should be.
We sing for their freedom.
And we won't stop singing until we are free.
We sing for their freedom.

*Oh what do we want? Justice!
And when do we want it? Now!
Oh what do we want? Justicia!
And when do we want it? Now!*

Que queremos? Justicia!

Cuando? Ahora!

Que queremos? Justicia!

Cuando? Ahora!

They're meant to protect us but kill us instead.

Queremos justicia.

They're meant to defend us but step on our necks.

Queremos justicia.

The watchmen were sleeping but left us for dead.

Queremos justicia.

And we cannot stop till this comes to an end.

Queremos justicia.

Cruzamos fronteras, cruzamos a pie.

Queremos justicia.

Hambrientos, sedientos, cruzamos en fie.

Queremos justicia.

Llegamos para construir algo nuevo,

Queremos justicia.

Toman nuestros regalos y nos tiran al suelo.

Queremos justicia.

We march for our mothers, our sisters, and kin.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We fight for the vict'ries we know you will win.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We cry for our fam'lies, we cry for our friends.

Come, Lord Jesus.

And we sing for the hope that you're coming again.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Sermon

Let Justice Roll Down

Rev. Efirid



1. Let truth and mer - cy find here a joy - ful meet - ing place.
 2. Let truth's bright flame be blaz - ing in all the dark - est hours,
 3. So now let peace and jus - tice be nev - er far a - part,

And here let peace and jus - tice be joined in warm em - brace.
 con - front - ing schemes of dark - ness, ex - pos - ing e - vil powers.
 but flow - ing like a riv - er for ev - ery thirst - y heart.

And in this con - gre - ga - tion let stran - gers now be friends,
 Let mer - cy's gen - tle man - ner, so will - ing to for - give,
 These two shall be u - nit - ed, a might - y mov - ing stream,

to do the gos - pel's bid - ding 'til wars on earth shall end.
 fill war - ring hearts with long - ing 'til in truth's light we live.
 up - on whose banks we gath - er to work and pray and dream.

◆ **Benediction**

Rev. Efirid

◆ **Postlude**

The Lord is My Light

arr. Sewell

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Focus on Community

Prayer Concerns

Jim Allen

Nell Allen

Audrey Baldwin

(Sandy Duncan's mother)

Peter Barboriak

(Valerie Brooks' friend)

Gilles Bikindou

Kitty Blanton

Marjorie Floyd

James Mark Frazier

(Sue Hughes' brother)

Joe Malone

(Virgil & Gail Jones' friend)

James Marlowe

Janet Merriman

(Roz Slawson's friend)

Sylvia Morgan

Frances Parker

(Felice Parent's mother)

Sara McMillan Perkinson

*(Leon & Sue Perkinson's
daughter-in-law)*

Miriam Rodriguez

(Roz Slawson's sister)

Fred Seeger

Alison Zieglmeier

Our partner church,

Ebenezer Baptist, Cuba

Announcements and Updates

Town Hall and Business Meeting Recording | From October 25

If you were unable to attend the Town Hall and Business Meeting held on October 25, we now have a webpage where we will be collecting essential resources on property repurposing. Here you can find the recording of the meeting, the slideshow from the presentation, examples of other churches that have successfully repurposed part of their property, and the members of the discernment committee. The page can be easily accessed at www.gfbccary.org/repurposing.

Faith Formation via Zoom

As we continue to practice social distancing, many our Faith Formation classes are meeting via Zoom. Special Studies meets Mondays at 2pm, Crossroads on Sundays at 9:30am, Generations every other Thursday at 6:30pm, and Agape at various times on Sundays. The Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Faith Formation Class meets twice a month. Youth meet for Alpha & Omega every Sunday afternoon. Contact your Faith Formation leadership for more details.

Drive-By Reception for Sandy Duncan | November 8

Sandy Duncan is retiring as the director from Greenwood Forest Children's Center. She has been beloved by the GFCC community for 34 years, the last 18.5 years as director. Sandy's commitment to the GFCC has made it what it is, and so many are grateful for her long and dedicated career. She has established a wonderful reputation for GFCC and placed it on firm ground for our future. Both Greenwood Forest Baptist Church and Greenwood Forest Children's Center want to make sure there is an opportunity to extend congratulations to Sandy and thank her for her service. Please plan to join us for a Drive-By Reception on Sunday, November 8 from 2-4pm. A card box will be available for you to extend your retirement well wishes to Sandy during the Drive-by Reception.

Finance Update

Below are finance updates from the end of the 2019-2020 budget year as well as October 2020. Our ongoing practice will be to include the previous month's financial information in the bulletin as soon as it becomes available.

2019-2020 Fiscal Year	Final Totals	
Congregational Giving	\$696,046	
Congregational Giving Target	\$804,000	
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$107,954)	
Other Receipts	\$143,082	
Total Giving and Receipts	\$839,129	
Total Disbursements	\$834,745	
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	\$4,384	
Together We Build Giving	\$301,488	
Previous Month	October 2020	Year-to-Date
Congregational Giving	\$49,387	\$97,420
Congregational Giving Target	\$53,624	\$107,248
Congregational Giving Under/Over	(\$4,237)	(\$9,828)
Other Receipts	\$1,218	\$1,332
Total Giving and Receipts	\$50,605	\$98,752
Total Disbursements	\$68,968	\$129,102
Under/Over Receipts vs. Disbursements	(\$18,363)	(\$30,350)
Together We Build Giving	\$2,566	\$15,366

Ways to Give



In the midst of the pandemic, there is something simple that we can all do for the church that will make a huge difference—set up online giving. Every Sunday that we are not at church, we experience a decline in giving. Even though we are not physically together, the church still has to pay its bills, our wonderful staff, and make sure that our church is prepared to help the most vulnerable among us especially during this pandemic.

Ways to tithe:

1. Set up an automatic payment through your bank using the “Bill Pay” function. This will result in your bank mailing a check to the church on a weekly or monthly basis.
2. Give online through the church website. Simply go to gfbccary.org/give to access the online giving module.
3. Set up an automated bank draft by filling out the form on the next page of this bulletin, attaching a voided check, and mailing it to the church office at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, 110 SE Maynard Road, Cary, NC 27511.

Together, we can make sure that Greenwood Forest can continue to serve our community for years to come!



see bank draft form on next page





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- New Draft
- Replace Existing Draft
- Cancel Draft

Effective Date: _____

Authorization Agreement for Automated Bank Draft

Automated Payment Authorization

I (we) hereby authorize Greenwood Forest Baptist Church to initiate debit entries to my (our) account designated below at the depository financial institution named below and to debit same account. I authorize credit entries, if necessary, for any debit entries that are determined to be in error. I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Greenwood Forest Baptist Church has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination that is to be received at least five (5) business days prior to the proposed effective date of the termination of the authorization.

Financial Institution Information

Financial Institution Name: _____

Routing Number: _____ (9 digits on bottom left corner of check)

Account Number: _____ Type: Checking Savings

Account Information

Account Holder Name(s): _____

Full Mailing Address _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Debit Account Every: Month Twice a Month Week

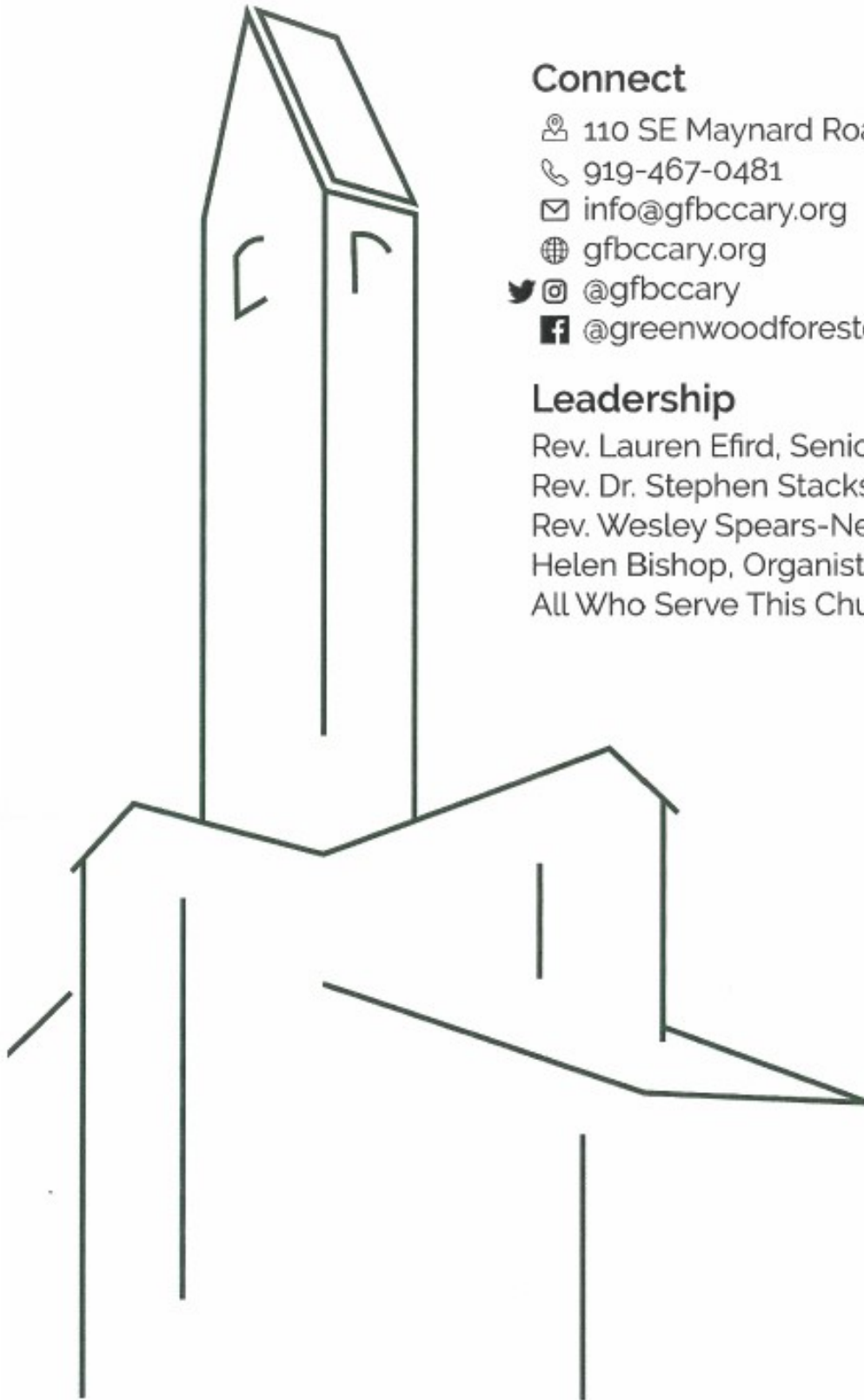
- If weekly, what day of the week: _____ (If on a holiday, debit occurs day before)
- If non-weekly, what date(s) of the month: _____

Amount of Each Debit: \$ _____

- Stewardship Giving Portion: \$ _____
- Designated Giving to : _____ Portion: \$ _____
- Designated Giving to : _____ Portion: \$ _____
- Designated Giving to : _____ Portion: \$ _____

Please attach a voided check to this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Leadership

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Rev. Dr. Stephen Stacks, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wesley Spears-Newsome, Associate Pastor

Helen Bishop, Organist

All Who Serve This Church
